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June & July 2024 Prayer Letter & Report

Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings in the Lord from South Nowra in New South Wales, Australia! We want to thank you for your prayers and financial support and for the Lord's guidance, provision, and enabling. <u>Here at Shoalhaven</u> Baptist Church over the last few months, I have never before felt so busy and absolutely dependent upon the Lord for everything. Pastor Shellabear is giving more and more ministry responsibilities over to me, the new building is all-but-completed, and Pastor plans to retire from SBC in November. So far, the Lord is allowing Pastor's immunotherapy treatments to keep his mesothelioma at bay.

Brother John-Paul Reeve has been a welcome addition to our church staff. He and his wife, Chelsea, are expecting their second child early next year. As the Lord leads and allows, our plans are for me to pastor SBC temporarily with John-Paul as the assistant pastor, and then for him to become the pastor. Please pray for our new treasurer, Stephen Wallace, and for the transition as Pastor leaves and we begin using the new building. Rachel continues to run the sound system at church and Daniel plays the cello in church services and helps Rachel in the sound booth.

An Aboriginal man named Brett stopped by a few days ago and asked for some food while I was working at church. I took him inside and fed him some soup and cheese and a drink as I shared the Gospel with him. He promised to consider what I shared and left for "home" with a small bag of food and a Gospel tract. Jessica, too, asked for food this week. She regularly "begs" for her groceries and for someone to pay her bills and is then particular about what she will take and won't take. She has repeatedly rejected the Gospel and won't attend church though she lives only a hundred metres away. We tell her there is a better way to live but she won't listen. Please pray for Brett and Jessica.

Peter was a working man whom Pastor Shellabear befriended and witnessed to over the last few years. Marie and I shared the Gospel with him at Pastor's house recently and he planned to come to our BBQ for the tradies who worked on the new building. He even came with his wife, Jenny to Pastor's surprise 75th birthday party two weeks ago. But on Sunday afternoon, Peter entered eternity while working alone on a job site. Let's follow the encouragement of Hebrews 10 "to provoke unto love and to good works… and so much the more, as [we] see the day approaching." Our tradie BBQ lunch is on August 17. Please pray for many tradies to be there and hear Aussie evangelist Chris Hustler share the Gospel with them.

At Lighthouse Bible Baptist Church in Ulladulla, Pastor Skelton is getting married to beautiful Noel on <u>August 24!</u> This is exciting news and is a miraculous work of God for which both Pastor and Noel are thankful. Please pray that the Lord will bless the marriage and ministry of this couple as they continue the planting of Lighthouse Bible Baptist Church in Ulladulla. Recent months have seen a decline in numbers due to physical sickness, spiritual apathy, and sin in the camp. Please pray for repentance and restoration and for many to return who have stopped coming since our most faithful lady left her husband and son for a Christian she met on the internet.

May the Lord bless each of us as we follow and serve Him and look for His return!

John-Paul, Chelsea, and Titus Reeve



Some who attended the Eternity Building dedication



John-Paul, Pastor Shellabear, and our builder-attendee, Ben

Thank you for your prayers and financial support received in June and July! Jon & Marie Hall and Family Our most-recent video report is available at:

https://www.dropbox.com/s/xvcbhjm3qy42qhs/Hall_Presentation_final%20Diane%20Rutigliano.mp4?dl=0

"Testifying... repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." Acts 20:21

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